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JUTE MONOPOLY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments particularly Andhra Pradesh have requested the UnionGovernment to extend the present 100 percent jute monopoly in force since 1987 for packing of foodgrains and sugar; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): On the basis of the information furnished by Ministry of Textiles (who are administering this subject), the State Governments of West Bengal and Assam represented for extension of 100% norms of compulsory packaging in jute bags for foodgrains and sugar under the Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987.However, no such representation was received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Rather, the State Government of Andhra Pradeshrepresented for dilution/repeal of the norms of compulsory packaging under the Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987.